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Do you consider yourself a rational person? Why or why not?

In your experience, are people of faith, specifically Christians, more gullible than unbelievers? Why or why not?

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For each verse, discuss why the temptation toward foolishness is unique problem for Christians:

John 8:44.

2 Corinthians 11:13-15.

1 Corinthians 1:18, 25.

Foolishness is a Human Problem

Read **Proverbs 1:7-9 & 9:7-8.** We are all tempted to reject instruction. How have you experienced that temptation? Why is that such a temptation?

Read **Proverbs 14:6-7, 15:21, & 18:17.** We all have a temptation to pick and choose what we listen to. We select instruction based on how it makes us feel. How have you experienced that temptation? What's wrong with doing that?

A Solution for Me: Instruction

The solution I proposed on Sunday is to prioritize instruction in a way that minimizes my selfishness and irrationality.

My first authority will be what is revealed. What do you learn about God's revelation from **Proverbs 30:2-6**?

My second authority will be what has been tested. Consider **Proverbs 15:22 & 20:18.** How do those principles relate to modern science?

My last authority will be what I have personally experienced. Why should this be the lowest authority in our lives? Why are we tempted to make it the top?

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